5.12.20 Notes from the Governor’s Briefing:

- Hospitalizations and intubations are down
- Deaths 195 (142 in hospitals, 53 in nursing home)
- "We are making real progress."

Emerging Issue Among Youth:
- NYS DOH is investigating 100 cases of what may be COVID related illness in children with symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome.
- Illness has taken lives of 5 year old boy, 7 year old boy, and 18 year old girl.
- Out of 100 cases, 5% of cases are found in those aged 1 or younger, 18% of cases are found in those aged 1-4, 29% is found in those aged 5-9, 28% in kids aged 10-14, 16% in those aged 15-19, and 4% in those 20-21.
- DOH is advising all hospitals to prioritize COVID-19 testing for children presenting symptoms.

Reopening:
- Follow CDC reopening criteria
- Heed Dr. Fauci’s warnings on risking an outbreak that cannot be controlled
- Learn from others' mistakes (China, South Korea, Germany)
- Maintain regional management and citizen participation
- Be transparent and give people the facts
- Calibrate/control by monitoring diagnostic testing, antibody testing, hospitalizations rate and capacity, infection rate.
- Regional control group should manage, monitor, and ensure compliance with safety precautions.
- Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, and Southern Tier meet reopening criteria.
- Status of regions will be updated daily and available to view at forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard.

Federal Assistance:
- This is time to pass a smart federal bill
  - No time for handouts to corporations, political port, or partisanship
  - Bill must fund state and local governments, working families, state testing and tracing
  - We need real economic stimulus
  - Save working Americans
- NY needs $61B in federal support or we will have to reduce spending
  - Schools, local governments, and hospital spending will be cut by 20% each
- Not a red vs. blue issue
  - Democratic and republican states are leading reopening and need federal assistance.
- Governor Hogan and Cuomo will issue joint statement today
- Federal bill must also respond to working families with:
  - Landlord and renter assistance
  - Payroll protection
  - Funeral costs
  - Repealing of SALT
- Fund state testing and tracing
- Reimagine America
  - Invest in public infrastructures (airports, bridges, mass transit, public health infrastructure)
- "No bailout boondoggles"
  - In 2008 banks are bailed out while Americans lost life savings
  - Corporations have already forecasted next scam and will use pandemic to enact layoffs and not rehire as many employees increasing corporate
profit and stock values on backs of American workers
- NY Congressional Delegation members will propose Americans First Law
to stop corporate bailout boondoggles

Q&A:

Reopening:
- Calibrate activity to keep cases at a manageable place
- State and local leaders will work with any employer to determine proper safety precautions
- Local governments will head reopening/safety precaution enforcement
- Reopening is process driven by people and their actions (wearing masks, hand washing)

Nursing Homes
- We now have more testing capacity, so nursing homes should be prioritized
  - We will work with regions who do not have the testing capacity to do two tests per week for staff
- According to DeRosa nursing homes have until Wednesday to submit a testing plan
- If nursing home worker refuses a test when nursing home and local government have agreed to terms, then they should not be working there especially if tests are available

Testing/Vaccines:
- In response to question about allowing pharmacists to be able to administer COVID-19 vaccines, the Governor stated that he doesn't know enough about vaccines to give definite answer